

Northeast Corridor Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2001, 9:00 a.m. p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wyndham Washington Hotel, 1400 M Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to reactivate the Northeast Corridor Safety Committee. Interested persons are invited to attend the upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The Railroad Safety Enforcement and Review Act of 1992, as amended, requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Northeast Corridor Safety Committee. The Committee was established to address safety needs on the main line of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) by eliciting the participation and views of NEC operators, employees and passenger representatives. Re-established as a discretionary committee, it is a vehicle for receiving continued advice on safety issues. Pending final Departmental administrative action to formally renew the Committee's charter, the FRA will receive recommendations from individual Committee members.

The Committee provides a forum for discussion of safety issues arising out of (1) rail operations on the Corridor and (2) plans for improvement of service on the Corridor. The Committee advises the Federal Railroad Administrator on the exercise of delegated authority to administer the Federal railroad safety laws and regulations with respect to matters pertaining specifically to the Corridor. In the past, the Committee has addressed such issues as signal and train control criteria for speed up to 150 mph, emergency response, trainset procurement, vandalism and trespassing.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending 4:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Washington Hotel, 1400 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone 202-429-1700. In order to provide adequate facilities, please advise the FRA Regional office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at 617-494-2302 if you will be attending.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wyndham until November 30, 2001. Please identify yourself as a member of the *Northeast Corridor Safety Committee Group*, when making reservations. A draft agenda and a list of members follows.

Draft Agenda

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 11, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Wyndham Washington Hotel
1400 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20590
202-429-1700

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks:

George Gavalla- Associate Administrator for Safety
Grady Cothen- Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety

Agenda Items- Mark McKeon, Chair

- **Security Update (ATK, LIRR, MARC, MBTA, MNCR, NJT, SEPTA, CSX, NS)**
- **Amtrak reorganization (ATK)**
- **Fire and life safety issues in the New York City tunnels (ATK, LIRR)**
- **The Acela launch (ATK)**
- **Acela emergency egress (ATK)**
- **Volpe Center activity concerning Acela aerodynamics (Volpe)**
- **Amtrak Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System [ACSES] ATK**
- **New Jersey Transit Automatic Speed Enforcement System [ASES] NJT**
- **Safety Critical Information Management (FRA, ATK, MNCR, CSX, NS)**
 - consolidation and simplification of Bulletin Orders and Temporary Speed Restriction Bulletins**
 - radio communications concerning on time performance**
- **Lessons learned from on-board fires in the electric traction environment (ATK, LIRR, MARC, MNCR, SEPTA, NJT)**

Coffee Break at about 10:30 am

Lunch Break at about Noon

Northeast Corridor Safety Committee Members

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

Raymond A. Holmes, Vice President & National Legislative Representative

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

Jed Dodd, General Chairman

Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

Dennis M. Boston, Vice President

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Harry P. Harris, Director, Rail Operations

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

Jon Tainow, Vice President- Northeast Corridor

Consolidated Rail Corporation

Ron Batory, Vice President- Operations

CSX Transportation

Robert Downing, Regional Vice President

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Anna Barry, Director-Railroad Operations

MTA – MARC Train Service

Kathryn D. Waters, Manager & COO

MTA Long Island Rail Road

James J. Dermody, Senior VP- Operations

MTA Metro-North Railroad

George F. Walker, Vice President-Operations

New Jersey Transit Rail Operations Inc.

William Knapp, Vice President & General Manager

Norfolk Southern Railway.

Mark M. Owens, Director Joint Facilities

Providence and Worcester Railroad

Richard H. Fisher, Director- Operating Rules, Safety and Hazardous Materials

Safe Travel America

Arthur Johnson, Chairman

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

John K. Leary, Jr. General Manager

Transport Workers Union of America

Sonny Hall, President

United Transportation Union

Daniel J. O'Connell, New Jersey State Legislative Director

Railroad Passenger Representative

John H. Kirkwood

National Transportation Safety Board

Jo Strang, Associate Director- Railroad

Federal Railroad Administration

David Myers, Regional Administrator- Mid Atlantic Region

Mark McKeon, Regional Administrator- Northeastern Region (Chair)